



ABI Resources to Combat Child Abuse & Neglect

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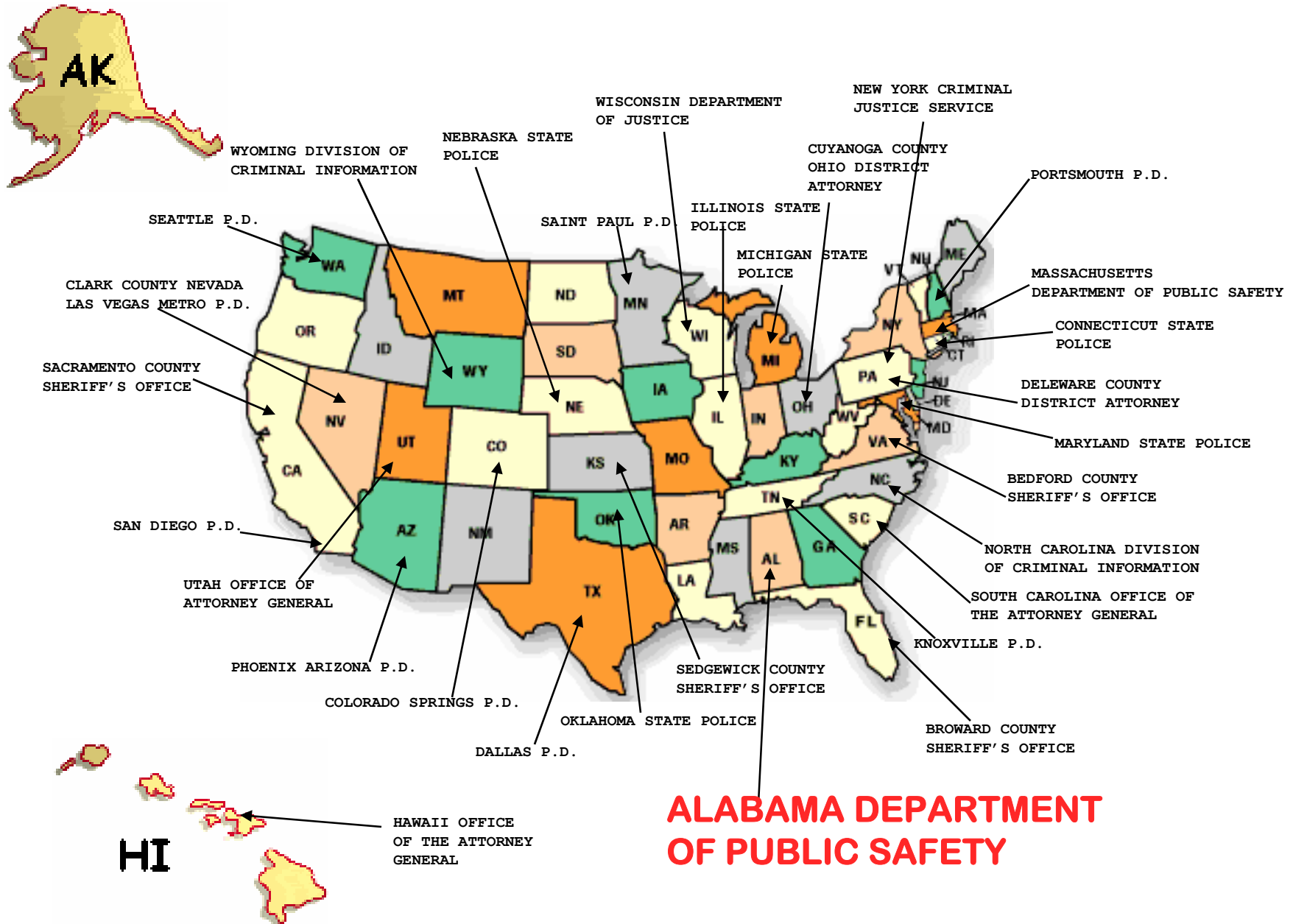
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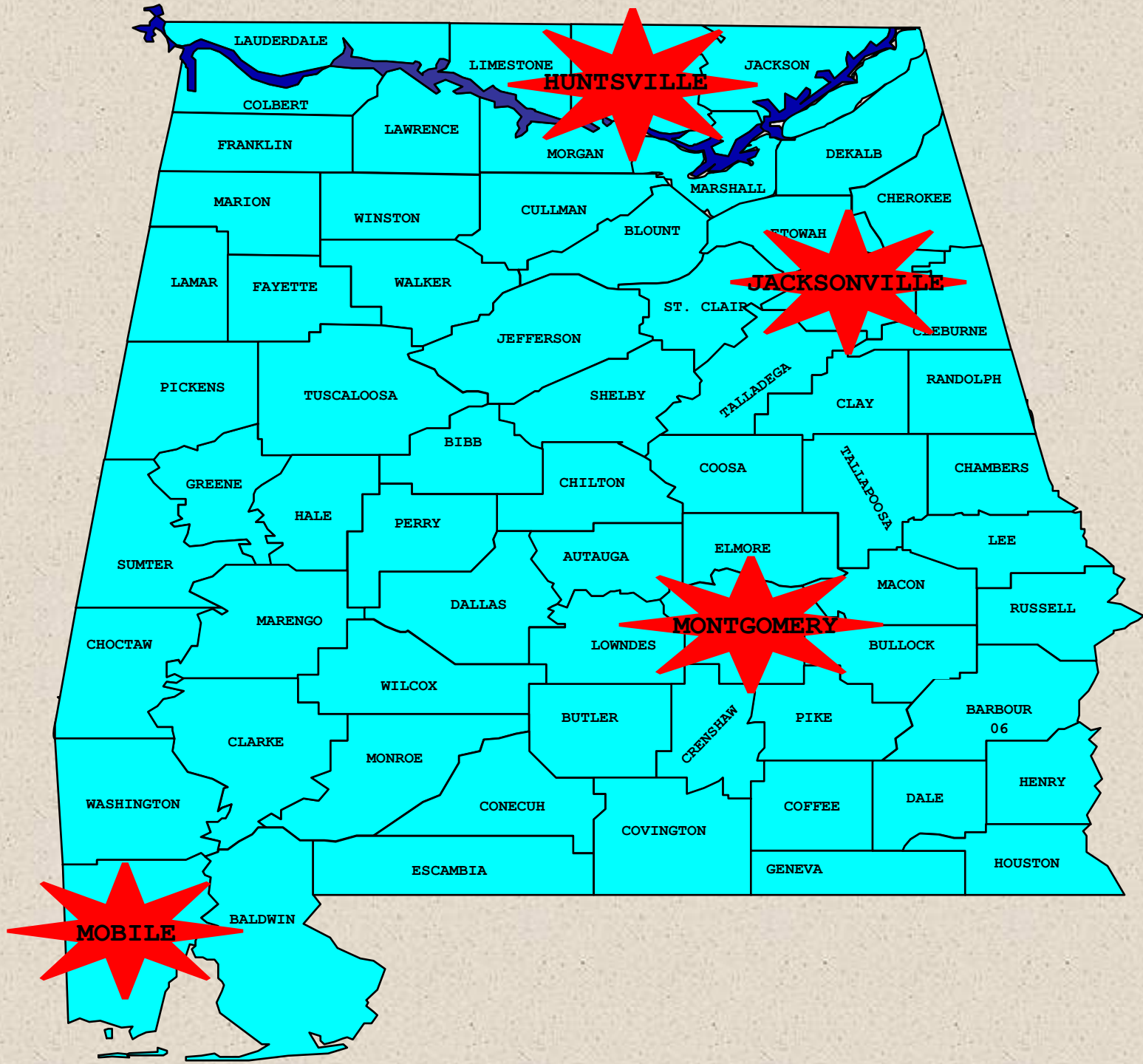
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INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC)



ICAC IN 30 STATE'S





A.M.B.E.R. Plan



**America's Missing Broadcast
Emergency Response**

Purpose of the **AMBER** Plan

- To provide a rapid response to the most serious child abduction cases.
- To gain the assistance of thousands of television viewers and radio listeners throughout the coverage area.
- To coerce the kidnapper to release the child for fear of arrest.
- To deter persons from committing the crime.



Criteria for Alabama AMBER Plan

Law Enforcement activates the alert only when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- ◆ A child has been abducted as defined by 13A-6-40 Alabama Criminal Code.
- ◆ The child is less than 18 years old.
- ◆ The child is at risk of serious bodily harm or death.
- ◆ There is enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect's vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert will help investigators locate the child.



What **AMBER** is generally **Not** used for.

- Runaways
- Custodial Disputes-Family member abduction
- AMBER is reserved for the most serious child abduction cases where there is a real threat to the child's safety.

***It is generally used for the first 3 hours of an abduction.

Benefits of an area **AMBER** Plan

- It's a powerful law enforcement tool and a wonderful way broadcasters can contribute to their communities.
- Its in the public's interest
- It provides each agency with a rapid response to serious child abductions.
- It not only recovers missing children but acts as a deterrent to this type of crime.
- It doesn't cost anything!





**ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CENTER FOR MISSING AND
EXPLOITED CHILDREN**

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MISSING UNIT DUTIES

- To act as liaison between private citizens and law enforcement agencies regarding the appropriate procedures for handling and responding to missing person cases and cases involving exploited children.
- To assist in the preparation and dissemination of fliers of missing persons, exploited children, wanted persons and unidentified body cases.
- To coordinate with and provide assistance to public agencies and private nonprofit agencies, including those of other states and the federal government, in investigating cases of missing persons, exploited children, unidentified bodies.

WHO IS A MISSING CHILD?

A child whose whereabouts are unknown to the child's legal custodian, the circumstances of whose absence indicate that:

- (a) The child did not voluntarily leave the care and control of the custodian, and the taking of the child was not authorized by law; or
- (b) The child voluntarily left the care and control of the child's legal custodian without the custodian's consent and without intent to return.

TIME VICTIM ALIVE AFTER ABDUCTION

- 44% of cases victim dead within 1 hour
- 74% of cases victim dead within 3 hours

22%

of victims
were *still alive*
when reported
missing.

How many hours should Law Enforcement wait before a missing report can be made?



0 HOURS !!!!

WEBSITE: www.dps.state.al.us/public/abi/



ALABAMA COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ACT

SEX OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION

WHO

WHAT

WHEN

WHERE

ADULT OFFENDER

- **WHO** an individual who is 18 yoa or older or a juvenile / youthful offender who has been certified an adult by the court.
- **WHAT** must be convicted of a sex crime within the state of Alabama or given a due process hearing if convicted in another state
- **WHEN** released from a sentence of incarceration or placed on probation.
- **WHERE** offender resides within the state of alabama.

JUVENILE OFFENDER

- **WHO** an individual who is adjudicated delinquent of a criminal sex offense
- **WHAT** convicted of a sex crime within the state of Alabama.
- **WHEN** released from juvenile detention.
- **WHERE** offender resides in the state of Alabama.

YOUTHFUL OFFENDER

- **WHO** an individual who is adjudicated a youthful offender.
- **WHAT** convicted of a sex crime within the state of Alabama.
- **WHEN** released from incarceration or placed on probation
- **WHERE** offender resides in the state of Alabama.

RESTRICTIONS

Offender is prohibited from:

- Establishing a residence or accepting employment within 2,000 ft. of a school, child care facility, or foster care facility
- Establishing a residence within 1,000 ft. of property of victim or victim's immediate family
- Establishing a residence where a minor resides
- Coming within 100 ft. of any of his or her former victims

NOTIFICATION



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Within 5 business days after notice of a release or intent to transfer residence the following procedures shall apply:

- Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville and Montgomery
- The chief of police will notify
 - All persons having a legal residence within 1,000 feet
 - All schools and child care facilities within 3 miles

NOTIFICATION

- In all other cities with a population of 5,000 or more the chief of police will notify.... ..If no chief, then the sheriff will notify:
 - All persons having a legal residence within 1,500 feet
 - All school and child care facilities within 3 miles
- In all other municipalities with a population less than 5,000 and in all unincorporated areas the sheriff will notify:
 - All persons having a legal residence within 2,000 feet
 - All schools and child care facilities within 3 miles

LEVELS OF NOTIFICATION

- Low risk- notify the principal of the school where the juvenile will attend after release
- Moderate risk-notify all schools and child care facilities within 3 miles of declared juvenile residence. A flier shall be displayed at the sheriff's office for public inspection
- High risk- public to receive notification as if juvenile were an adult.